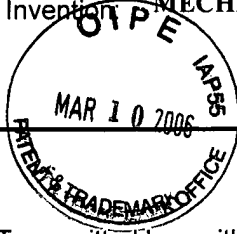
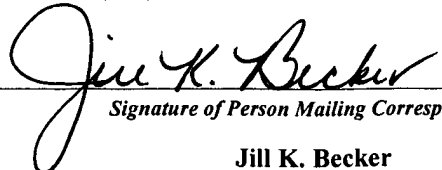


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Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before March 8, 2006, and thus, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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